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March 26, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDE

FROM: Rick Hutcheson

SUBJECT: STATUS OF PRESIDENTIAL REQUESTS

Follow-up of Previous Reports:

- Schultze and Powell: Anti inflation statement --In Progress (as part of the development of antiinflation policy).
- Lance/Eckerd: Effectiveness of Federal Information Centers -- In Progress, (expected 3/28, previously expected 3/25).
- 3. Eizenstat: Pursue individually through Cabinet Officers regarding potential Legislative Agenda in domestic area -- In Progress (with Vice President and to be discussed at 3/28 lunch).
- 4. Eizenstat: What can we do without legislation to maximize openness in government -- In Progress (Draft Executive Order expected by 4/20)
- Eizenstat: The President will deliver an early environmental message - if good -- In Progress, (expected 4/1).
- 6. Brzezinski: Check on the need for travel of Leo Cherne of PFIAB -- In Progress with Admiral Turner (previously expected 3/25)
- 7. Brown: Let the President know the status of any beyond the first three 747 Command planes already in operation -- In Progress, (expected 3/29).
- 8. Lance/Turner: Reduce the DCI staff, if possible, back to its pre-organization figure. Give the President an assessment of the total personnel needs when possible -- Done (being held to accompany the PRC report).

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- 9. Blumenthal: Go over tax reform principles, general goals, and procedures with EPG; then submit back to the President your 2/8 memo with any amendments and/or comments -- In Progress.
- 10. Brzezinski/Warren: Advise the President on what we can do regarding international restraints with the hope of getting other nuclear nations to join -- Done.

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- 11. Eizenstat: Prepare a draft message to Congress on the opportunity for regulatory reform -- In Progress ( A memo on the status of various regulatory reform projects expected 3/30).
- 12. Lance/ Schultze: What rules on overtime should be established to prevent circumvention of employment limits in government -- In Progress (to be done by Cabinet).
- 13. Eizenstat: Consult with Cabinet after our position on regulation/business is in draft form -- In Progress (expected 3/30, previously expected 3/19).
- 14. Bell: You know of the President's promise to make the Attorney General independent of White House control and influence. Please consult with your advisors and prepare draft legislation -- In Progress (Status report in Cabinet Summary 3/25)
- 15. Jordan: Give the President a complete list of all appointments we need to make -- In Progress (with Cabinet)
- 16. Hugh Carter: The letter from Rep. Jack Brooks regarding guidelines under which military passenger aircraft will be used by the Executive Office of the President should be checked with the Attorney General and sent to the President for approval -- In Progress, (expected 4/1, previously expected 3/25)
- 17. Hugh Carter: Give the President options on getting rid of the Presidential yacht -- Done (in staffingto the President 3/28).

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18. Jordan: Let's firm up the Navy Renegotiation Board Monday -- In Progress.

- 19. Vance: We should get the Senate to ratify the test ban treaty with the Soviets -- In Progress.
- 20. Eizenstat: Find out how many different econometric models we are using for international analysis, and whether the CIA needs to know -- In Progress, expected 3/30, previously expected 3/25).
- 21. Brown: What is your assessment and what can we do about the personnel ratio of flag officers -- Done (in Weekly Cabinet Summary 3/25)

22. Cabinet Officers: Please designate someone who can speak for you concerning personnel appointments so that the President can give the name to Governors and other high officials -- Done.

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- 23. Schultze, Blumenthal, Vance: What can we do about the Bahama banks -- In Progress.
- 24. Lance: Have someone check with Cabinet level officers and let the President know what can be done regarding the excessive numbers of executive level and supergrade officials -- In Progress, (expected 3/28, previously expected 3/21).
- 25. Lipshutz: Stop the use of R.C. Carter's efforts to use the name "Carter" -- In Progress.
- 26. Powell: See the President regarding John Pennington-Done.
- 27. Brzezinksi: Give the President a brief memo on the Oil Preference legislation -- In Progress (with Commerce, expected 4/1, previously expected 3/25).
- 28. Vice President: Please pursue ratification of treaties as marked that are pending before the Senate -- In Progress.
- 29. Eizenstat: Assess priority and proper functions of Corps -- In Progress.
- 30. Schultze: Brief comment regarding the advisability for companies who pay for health care for employees in the future vs. payment from collected taxes-- In Progress.

31. Califano: What can we do to a) have social security cards which cannot be forged easily; b) eliminate more than one card per person c) require positive indentification of all welfare recipients when they qualify for benefits to avoid multiple payments to the same person d) reduce the number of conventions -- Done (In Cabinet Summary 3/25)

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32. Brown: Please comment on the letter from Mrs. James W. Totten about her brother, Major General George S. Patton -- In Progress (with the Dept. of the Army).

#### March 16:

1. Vice President: Please make calls re human rights announcement-- Done.

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- 2. Eizenstat: You should talk with Bob Strauss to determine what should be done regarding duty imposed by U.S. concerning imports of men's suits -- In Progress, (expected 4/1)
- 3. Eizenstat: Correct page 3 a) double check coast guard ability to board and inspect every tanker;b) delete "virtually all" in the message on oil pollution -- Done.

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- 4. Schlesinger: Put these ideas plus your own into a letter from the President to the TVA Board, asking for their assessment of the proposals -- In Progress (expected 3/28)
- 5. Eizenstat: Comment on letter from Bob Edgar regarding positions on protection of wetlands -- In Progress, (expected 3/30).

#### March 18:

1. Blumenthal: Please provide Secret Service protection to Susan Ford to 3/21/77 and to Henry Kissinger until 3/31/77 -- Done.

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2. Vance: Comment on Watson memo about Soviet violations of U.S./U.S.S.R. Maritime Agreement -- In Progress.

#### March 18:

- 3. Eizenstat: How can we stop this? -- regarding the the preservation of judicial review and credibility thereof -- In Progress (expected 3/28).
- 4. Lance: a) Who authorized release of the funds? b) Why do we need to notify Congress on the nineth 1977 Special Message under Impoundment Control Act of 1974 - Done (in meeting with the President)

#### March 24:

1. Jordan: You and Lipshutz please tell staff to hold down use of the White House itself for meetings. Use the EOB or the Roosevelt Room instead. Clear White House use with the President and Rosalynn -- Message Conveyed.

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2. Eizenstat: Check on Section 801 of airline deregulation bill -- Done.

- 3. Vance: We should consider sending Nelson Rockefeller to Brazil and perhaps a couple of other countries to smooth out differences -- Message Conveyed.
- 4. Chip Carter: Grandma sent James a bond. Did he get it? -- Yes. (3/25).

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5. Jordan: Toby Buttimer wants to come to visit us briefly. Please contact him or have Tim arrange a time -- In Progress (with Kraft)

Domestic Policy Status Report (from Eizenstat)

- 1. Consumer Issues: Memo on consumer legislative issues. (expected 3/28).
- 2. Hatch Act Revision Legislation: Coordinating interagency task force to work on statutory language with House Civil Service Subcommittee.

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3. Banking Reform: Reform package for interagency review by April 15. Stu's staff is meeting with all housing and banking interest groups.

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- 4. Municipal Finance Reform Package: Outline of components of such a package to be submitted to Treasury by March 28 for their review and development into Presidential message.
- 5. Cargo Preference: Memo to you early this week.
- 6. Testimony was delivered last week postponing major decisions on Black Lung Benefits pending reform of workers compensation and the welfare system.
- 7. Surface Transportation Deregulation: We are beginning an assessment of the regulation of surface transportation by the ICC.
- 8. Aircraft Noise: Work with DOT on Adams' testimony on Rep. Anderson's bill and to determine whether the Administration should have its own bill.
- 9. Lock and Dam 26: Review recent DOT economic analyisis of project. Work with DOT, EPA and OMB to develop policy on repair or replacement.
- 10. Neighborhood Policy: Begin series of meetings with HUD Neighborhood Policy staff to design new program initiatives.
- 11. Energy and Urban Policy: Begin identifying major issues which impact on both policy areas.
- 12. Neighborhood Commission: Final action in Congress on this bill should occur within next two weeks. Since the impression is that Timilty will be appointed Chairman of the Committee, and Proxmire (Sponsor) is violently opposed to Timilty, it is possible the bill will be killed in Senate action.

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- 13. Clean Air Act: Coordinating with CEA, OMB, CEQ.
- 14. April 20 Energy Message: Coordinating with Schlesinger and staff.

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Domestic Policy Status Report (from Eizenstat)

- 15. Welfare Reform: Reviewing HEW background papers.
  Review of expected HEW memoranda, in preparation
  for Secretary Califano's meeting President on
  Friday.
- 16. Farm Legislation: Decision pending. Secretary Bergland to testify Tuesday on PL 480, Wednesday and Thursday on entire commodity/PL 480 package.
- 17. Sugar: USDA report due later this week. STR assessment of the ITC report and recommendations due 4/2.
- 18. Food Stamps: Working with HEW and OMB to design acceptable legislative proposal; due 3/30.
- 19. Hospital Cost Containment: Legislation now scheduled to reach the Hill at the end of the Easter Recess.
- 20. Comprehensive Health Assessment and Primary Care for Children (CHAPS): Legislation is scheduled to reach the Hill in early April.
- 21. <u>Health Message:</u> Draft received from HEW on 3/21. Will be completed to accompany above legislation.
- 22. Privacy: H.R. 214, the Bill of Rights Procedure Act has been referred to Mr. Kastenmeier's Subcommittee. Hearings have not been scheduled. Privacy Protection Study Commission will report to Congress and the President by June 10.
- 23. Commission on Presidential Scholars: Memo on continuing the program to you by March 28.